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**ENJOYING THE FRUIT OF THE LABOR** Student enjoys the sight of onions that are grown in garden test plot. To read more about the community garden see page 8.

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## News in Brief

### DEBATE TEAM BREAKS STATE RECORD FOR WINNING AND DOMINATES CHAMPIONSHIP

TJC Speech and Debate team competed in the Texas Community College Forensic Association's state championship tournament hosted by San Jacinto College North. TJC won First Place Overall Sweepstakes, First Place Debate Sweepstakes and Third Place Individual Events Sweepstakes. Debaters set a state record in winning all of the top awards in all three types of debate at the same tournament.

### DISCOUNT EYE EXAMS OFFERED AT CAMPUS VISION CARE CLINIC IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

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### SPRING ENROLLMENT INCREASED IN A YEAR

Tyler Junior College is up almost 2 percent in enrollment from the spring 2015 total, according to official reporting data. Enrollment in the spring 16-week semester is 10,654, compared to 10,461 during the same period last year, for an increase of nearly 200 students.

### WESLEY HOUSE OPENS SECOND DORM THAT MORE THAN DOUBLES CURRENT CAPACITY

Wesley signed a lease agreement that allowed them to take possession of the hall previously known as Lewis Hall, located adjacent to the current Wesley Hall on Lake Street. The former West and Lewis halls will be collectively known as Wesley House; and more than double the hall's previous capacity, up from 40 beds to 83.

### PHI THETA KAPPA HOSTS FUND RAISER FOR SMILES

PTK hosted a bake sale that brought in over \$1000 that will be matched by a donor five times over, for children with cleft lips and palates in poor countries to receive the treatment they need. Every \$250 earned means one more child that could be eligible to receive treatment, this means 20 children will receive treatment.

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# Risk dropping too many classes now and regret it later

Dropping classes at a junior college can affect transcripts in later semesters or at future universities

By Irene Campos  
News Editor

As the spring semester continues to its 5th week, students are getting a good feel for how their classes and professors function. But, this also means that students are beginning to contemplate dropping a class, or maybe two.

There are essentially two methods of dropping a class. Dropping a class before the 12th class day, otherwise known as the census date, will not receive grant a "W" on the transcript. Deciding to drop later in the semester, after the census date, a "W" will be put on the transcript.

When thinking about dropping a class after the census date, whether unsure of ability to pass the class or it didn't turn out as expected, whatever the case, it is important to talk to an Advisor before making the final decision. Advisor offices are located on the 2nd floor of the Rogers Student Center (School of Engineering, Mathematics and Sciences & School of Humanities, Communications and Fine Arts. Includes School of Nursing and Health Sciences); and Pirtle Technology in room 202 (School of Professional and Technical Programs).

Dropping a class "refers to dropping one or several classes after the census date (12th class day) but before the last day to drop," says Kimberly Tucker, Lead Academic Advisor; School of Engineering, Math and Science. When dropping a class, the transcript will receive a "W". The "W" meaning that the



Photo by Irene Campos

**KIMBERLY TUCKER ADVISES STUDENTS, MAKENZIE HOLT AND KEELEY ELLIOTT** Students can come to advising center or call to set up an appointment to speak to an advisor and decide the best course of action for classes. They can also tell how many drops are on a transcript and how it can affect a degree now and later in a college career.

student has been withdrawn.

However, there are several things to keep in mind before dropping. An undergraduate student is only allowed a total of six drops in their academic career at TJC. It can be particularly harmful for a student who is going to transfer to a four year university. A

university will look at the number of classes dropped and, depending on the amount, may keep the student from having the option to drop classes at the university. And that can be a little taxing.

Something TJC students may not know is that there are a limited amount of times

classes can be dropped and still have financial aid available. "In addition," adds Tucker, "Dropping classes affects a student's PACE rate/time to completion of

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By Favian Quezada

## Think again about Panama City Beach

### Column

Panama City Beach crime rate has risen tremendously, and may be a danger to college students and locals.

As Spring Break arises quickly, every college student has one thing on their mind. "Where am I going this year?" Spring Break for a college student is like a holiday all in its own. Breaking free from working so diligently and stressing over juggling grades, jobs, and life is most definitely something to celebrate over. So, planning a trip to somewhere like one of America's hot spots, Panama City Beach, may be on some of your minds, but you may want to rethink that.

Although PCB is a fun place for groups of friends to go together, it isn't exactly the safest place to be. When spring break rolls around, the population of PCB rises in the thousands, packing the beaches, hotels, resorts, restaurants, etc., with wild and sometimes deranged partiers that destroy anything in their path. During the 2015 Spring Break month of May, the Bay County Sheriff's office made over 1,000 arrests for various accounted crimes, about triple the number of Spring Break 2014. Those arrests included 202 drug related

arrests, compared to 43 in 2014, 49 confiscated firearms, almost 6 times more than in 2014, and sex offenses had doubled from 6 to 11 in 2015.

While Spring Break 2015 was amidst, a video of a group of partiers in an alleged gang rape on a packed beach went viral. This triggered a case with locals and the Panama City Council to maybe shut down PCB Spring Break for good. Spring Break for the local businesses is like making a fortune literally overnight. It can bring in a revenue of millions of dollars just from college student's pockets alone. So, rejecting or even slowing down Spring Break could possibly hurt their businesses and/or the town as a whole.

Panama City Beach may be a lively trifecta of beach, music and party, but you have to watch your back everywhere you go. As a Spring Breaker myself in 2015, I remember PCB as a crazy place with nothing but college kids and red Solo cups as far as the eye could see. Most certainly not a place to bring children or even be alone for that matter. I remember seeing hundreds of college

students flooding the beaches, streets, and establishments-

out numbering law enforcement at least 15 to 1. During my stay, I felt uneasy going alone anywhere because of the risk of danger. Even though there

were thousands of different characters there, my close-knit group of friends and I managed to make friends with other students from all over the country and world. Including people from Virginia, Kentucky, Arkansas, Maine, Brazil and Turkey. Everyone was there for the same reasons, to escape school and have a good time. So, naturally we all found our common grounds.

Although crime rate has risen, that does not destitute that if you go your stay won't be like what you paid for. Panama City Beach most certainly has its perks. Beautiful beaches, meeting new people from all over the country, or even the world, and live music everywhere. Just plan wisely with a group of friends and take all precautions for safety.



**Stefany Ostoin**  
Advertising  
Director

# Handicap accessability a problem

## Editorial

Anyone can see that TJC is a beautiful campus with brick buildings that are surrounded by green grass almost year round. But, at what cost have we achieved this beauty.

A few years ago someone filed a complaint against the school saying that the campus was not up to ADA standards and therefore not very wheelchair accessible. Nothing ever came out of the lawsuit leaving us to believe that TJC does, in fact, meet those standards.

After taking a few classes here, it become very evident that the school has grown over time. The sidewalks alone are the biggest clue. There are several unnecessary sidewalks on campus; or sidewalks that seem to take you more out of the way than to the actual location you are trying to get to.

This is because all of the buildings weren't always here. And as the college grew, new sidewalks were poured to allow a path to the new building. There is no way the founders of the college could have anticipated this kind of growth in 1926.

The problem lies in the fact that not only has the growth caused normal design issue, it causes accessibility issue. If you have ever complained about the route you must take to class, we challenge you to only take the wheelchair accessible route.

We used to deliver the newspapers using a dolly, or wagon, that we would have to take all across campus to each newsstand. Sometimes just finding the ramp to get on the sidewalk poses a challenge; not mention the time wasted waiting for elevators to show up. The thought of trying to get to classes everyday seems far fetched when you consider how much time and maneuvering it takes just to get there. Taking two classes back to back with one in Jenkins and the other in Pertile would be almost impossible to make.

Many people would just recommend adding more ramps, but the amount of money it would take to add ramps next to every set of stairs would be unreal; not to mention the time involved, and dealing with the construction on campus. There are so many steps here at TJC, just consider the two steps behind Jenkins hall or the flight on both sides of Potter Hall.

The stairs are definably part of what makes TJC so beautiful though. The different levels across campus are more appealing than a flat school could ever be, and the maintenance crew does such an amazing upkeep on the campus.





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Photo by Stefany Ostoin

**SUNNY SPRING BREAK A LITTLE GLOOM-IER** Panama City Beach, a widely popular vacation spot for Springbreakers will be downsizing due to an increase in crimes.



## Student to student, thanks to everyone who skips class

Dear Editor,

I would like to take a minute to thank all of those that do not come to class. Without them classes seem to go much smoother than what it normally would. We all have those classes with way to many people whether It be a lecture, lab, or a online class even. With those who do not want to come I highly encourage you not to come; you're not only wasting the professor's time but also wasting my time. This is college your mommy and daddy are not here to tell you or even make you do these things that an ADULT should be able to do by their self's . You don't come to class then next semester

wonder why fasfa has refused your financial aid...lets think about it.. really think hard. This is not high school, although many of you think it is. In reality you either get with it or you don't. Sure college is supposed to be a new beginning, an adventure, a new life, but there is a time and place for everything. So with all of this said and all of you who wont read this because you're still in bed even though you had class today at nine but you are incapable of doing anything by yourself, we thank you. Thank you for not showing up to class just waste my time.

Anthony James

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# Tuition increase goes into effect after state budget cuts

**Haley Schukei**  
Staff Writer

According to school officials, tuition and fees increased slightly this semester due to a lack of funding from the 84th Texas Legislative Session.

"The funding for community colleges comes from primarily three sources," said Dr. Juan Mejia, Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at TJC. Tuition that students pay, property taxes that are paid by a community, and funding from the state provides reimbursement based on enrollment.

But, the formula that the Legislative Budget Board uses to reimburse community colleges is decreasing each session.

"Once upon a time it was 'you get X amount,' and then all of a sudden it changed to 'oh you're going to get 80 percent of that X amount,' to 50 percent to 30 percent, so now I think were at like 28 percent," said Mejia.

Everything is becoming more expensive, but funding is decreasing. So, community colleges across the state have no other option but to turn to the taxpayers or to the students.

According to Mejia, the TJC Board of Trustees has been very conservative about having to do so.

"There were some areas that were adjusted, not up, but just for balance like some labs and all that. So it's not just about where do we make money, it really is about what are the costs associated... as an example...

the high-cost programs like in some of our health sciences... the laboratories that are required and all that," said Mejia.

Schools statewide are starting to

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-Dr. Juan Mejia  
TJC Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

implement such tuition differentials as opposed to raising costs across the board.

"It's kind of a balancing act, but it's a scientific balancing act. Not just like flipping coins," said Mejia.

TJC is also working towards cutting costs, but has to be careful in doing so.

"You could cut and save money but it could be at the expense of a lot of things," said Mejia.

So far, steps are being taken toward reworking faculty and administrative positions. A great example of this is that Mejia holds the positions of both Chief Academic Officer and Chief Student Services Officer.

"You usually have a provost and vice



Courtesy Photo

**THREE IS A DREAM TEAM** Dr. Metke And Dr. Mejia (far left and far right) take a quick photo at the East Texas Tour with David Young the Senior Director for special projects.

president for academic affairs, then you have a vice president for student affairs and a vice president for finance. Here, we married academic and student affairs into one vice presidency and now that model is starting to gain a lot of momentum and traction at other places," said Mejia.

At the most recent board meeting on Jan. 28, during the 'consideration of monthly financial and investment reports,' Dr. Mike Metke, president of TJC said we had a "boring month, which is always good."

In other words, the enrollment data is encouraging despite the tuition increase.

A reason for this could be that the students surveyed were not aware that there was a tuition increase. The increase was dependent upon programs and averaged under \$100 per student.

Since the state reimburses based on enrollment, there is hope that at the next legislative session, the state could be more fair. But, TJC isn't relying on hope alone.

"Instead of reactionary and saying 'aw, the legislature did that to us,' it's 'how are we proactive and try to get ahead of it'. We're working with our legislators, tracking our legislative agenda to tell a better story so that the state could reassess the funding we get so that it doesn't have to be carried by the students," said Mejia.

An example of being proactive is the East Texas Tour, which took place Oct. 15

and 16, 2015. TJC hosted a group from Austin comprised of key decision-makers from the offices of the governor, house, senate, legislative budget board, and Texas Higher Education coordinating board. Local elected officials and a wide array of local dignitaries met with them on TJC's behalf to educate them about the critical role TJC plays.

The feedback was very encouraging. Several said that this was the best campus visit they had ever been a part of, and mentioned how helpful it was. They also said that it helped to get firsthand experience of an institution like TJC. All agreed that community college funding should be a priority, and needs to be reviewed before the next legislative session.

Dr. Mejia, while at South Texas College, was very active through the legislative sessions; advocating for the work of community colleges and serving in a key role with the leadership for the visit.

"It was an authentic opportunity to host people in key positions who may not otherwise visit our region. It also provided the opportunity to have them see and experience TJC. We are very optimistic that the work that went into this event was beneficial as other regions in the state are looking to replicate the same model," said Mejia.

Legislature meets in Austin every other year. The 85th session will begin Jan. 10, 2017.



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**DR. JUAN MEJIA ADDRESSES THE AUDIENCE ENTHUSIASTICALLY.** Mejia happily fulfills his duty to the college while speaking at a meeting.



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a degree and increases the out of pocket of financial aid cost of college for that student."

When asked what advice she'd give any student considering dropping, Tucker states:

"Prior to a student dropping a course, Advisors urge them to speak with their Professor to determine whether they can successfully complete the course. We also advise them to speak to Financial Aid or other appropriate offices based on their personal situation. If the student is struggling academically we advise them to get a tutor as well. TJC has so many resources available to the students and the majority of the resources are free, so why not utilize them?"

Another thing to take into account when dropping, is if it will remove the status as a full-time student. Despite being allowed an "unlimited" amount of post census date drops, whether or not being a full-time student is still important.

In order to be considered full-time, a student must be enrolled in at least twelve hours. If a class is dropped and it drops the credit hours below twelve, it will affect financial aid. Especially if a student lives on campus and is involved in any

**"TJC has so many resources available to the students and the majority of the resources are free, so why not utilize them?"**

-Kimberly Tucker

Lead Academic Advisor, School of Engineering, Math, and Science

extracurricular activities.

"In order to receive a "W" on your transcript," Tucker continues. "Students have to have a College Class Change Form submitted to the Registrar's Office by 5 p.m. the last



Photo by Irene Campos

**STUDENTS SEEK ADVISORS EXPERT HELP** Kimberly Tucker Advises students Makenzie Holt and Keeley Elliott who scheduled an advising appointment on the second floor of Roger Student Center.

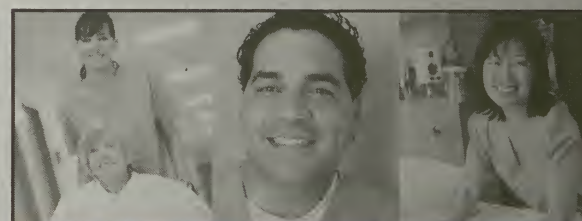
day of the 14th week of classes during the 16 week term." If in danger of failing the course, make sure to drop before the last day of the 14th week. Trying to drop after the 14th week won't work. It is always better to receive a "W" than an "F" on a transcript.

The drop date for the Spring, 16 week semester is April 29th.



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**READY TO EXPLAIN, ADVISE AND GUIDE.** Kimberly Tucker explains the process of dropping courses in her office at the advising center on the second floor of Rogers Student Center.



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# Milton Ty Garret got more than a lucky shot at pool

Father passes his pool techniques to his son who won two Tyler Junior College pool tournaments

By Julia Contarelli  
Student Life Editor

A father-son heritage comes in many ways, for Milton Ty Garrett, it's playing pool.

Ty, as he'd rather be called, has played since he was 4 years old. His father, Milton Garrett, taught him how to hold a pool cue and used a milk crate for little Ty to see the pool table. Standing upon the milk crate, Ty would learn how to shoot.

"You are not that tall when you are 4 years old, so I used to put down a milk crate for him," said Milton Garrett. "And it just brought back a lot of memories of when I was his age."

The techniques that Ty learned from his father were passed with familiar passion. The time that father and son spent together playing pool was, as they said, "quality time". They would forget about the rest of the world and just enjoy the moment with no other worries.

Milton Garrett taught himself how to play pool and wants Ty to follow up his attitude and teach his kids how to play.

"It was something else watching him play," said Milton Garrett with a smile on his face. "A 9-year-old playing an old man, around his 60's, and the man thinking he would beat Ty pretty good, but it didn't happen that way most of the time."

Ty Garrett was the winner at the TJC Single Pool Tournament on Feb. 6 and again on Feb. 11. TJC offers a free Pool Tournament at the Recreation Center. The prizes for the winner vary. Ty won 50 Apache Bucks on the first tournament and a 25 dollar gift card for Olive Garden on the second one.

When walking into the Recreation Center, other contestants looked at Ty instantly. He was memorable for his pool techniques in the last tournament. On the first tournament, 26 students were playing and it took around an hour to be over. In the most recent tournament, when only 12 contestants played, Ty won rapidly.

"I always come with Ty to the TJC tournaments, it's fun to watch him play," said Barbara Arrio, TJC student and Ty's friend.

Ty's talent was passed with love from his father. It is different to learn and love a sport when it is taught from somebody familiar and loved, rather than when it is taught from a teacher or a coach.

**"My father introduced me to pool, to baseball and other sports. Everyone has a father figure, my father is a hero."**

-Milton Ty Garrett  
TJC student, pool tournament champion

Milton Ty Garrett and Milton Garret share their names, their love for each other and their love for pool, a father and son relationship that others at TJC witnessed at the Recreation Center.

"It is something I've done all my life, and he's done all his life," said Milton Garrett. "We just have so much fun at it. It's going to be part of our lives till the end."



Photo by Julia Contarelli

**MILTON TY GARRET STICK EM UP** at his grandmother's garage in Mineola where he practices his pool techniques and plays with his friends.

## TJC community garden is going strong with volunteers who care

Garden project growing and founders hope that it can grow enough food to donate to local charities on a regular basis

By Emily Attebery  
Managing Editor

Placed in the center of the campus lies a circular building. Two sides of its perimeter are lined with plots of brown fertile earth and layered by green and purple plants. Covering them like a warm blanket are leaves that have fallen from the shedding trees. The tallest of these plants is about one foot; the smallest: five inches. The soil is dry, same as the dead leaves, but the plants remain green. The air is cool and crisp. An occasional breeze sways the plants, but the roots hold their structure. On the opposite side, pale sandy dirt abides. A few two-centimeter holes appear in the dirt and white specks of fertilizer are scattered about. A small portion of this plot is filled with the same fertile soil, and pencil like leaves stick out of the ground. The rest of the plant hides underground from the cold. These two plots, one thriving and one with the future promise to thrive, represent an idea that was started and hopes to continue into something greater.

"We just want to demonstrate that the stuff we're doing, there's an interest from students,

and we're actually taking care of the garden" said Carmen Suarez, one of the students who started the idea of a campus community garden.

In the Fall 2015 semester, Suarez began thinking about the benefits a community garden could have on a junior college. After discussing his thoughts with people in the Honors Program, he found Professor Ryan Button was already considering the same idea. They were able to get permission for a test plot around the perimeter of Vaughn Conservatory and, by the end of the semester, were able to plant lettuce and onions.

Now smells of strong, pungent organic dirt enter their noses and surround their hands when they meet to work on the garden. Volunteers are learning the basics of growing a garden, from planting, fertilizing, watering, upkeep and more.

"Where I graduated from, you'd only join like the green club or the garden club if that's what everyone was joining, and usually they'd do it just for a resume filler. Here instead of actually having people just as resume fillers, you have people who are involved and want to

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get their hands dirty," said Aiden Klouda, one of the first responding students to help with the garden.

David Griffin, whose wife Nancy Griffin teaches economics at TJC, comes out to help the group. He started gardening when he was 4 years old, he and his wife raised longhorns and other cattle until he realized he was missing something, dirt under his fingernails. He returned to gardening and wanted to help share his knowledge with the garden volunteers on campus. He sees it as a lost skill that is necessary for future generations to learn.

The garden has brought together different people and different departments for the same interest. Deb Kelley, professor and Department Chair for Behavioral Sciences; Cliff Boucher, Biology professor and Department Chair for Life Sciences and Agriculture and Betsy Ott, Biology professor, have all participated in offering advice, organization and implementing steps of growth for the garden.

The main hope for the garden is to grow enough food to donate on a regular basis. Professor Kelley is working toward a partnership with PATH (People Attempting To Help). PATH holds many support services for the East Texas community; one of which is a food pantry.

"Promise number three on 'campus service', I don't think we can beat that drum enough," said Kelley. "I

think it's important students think on different levels of socioeconomics . . . it's not just talking about it but doing it."

Actions speak louder than words, and so far plenty of action has taken place to prepare the plots for planting. Suarez says that many four-year universities have large competitive garden projects such as the University of North Texas, but not a lot is seen on the junior campuses.

"What this garden would bring in, it would put TJC at the forefront of sustainability for junior colleges," said Suarez.

This would be giving TJC an opportunity to unify and grow volunteers on campus, leading them to look at volunteer opportunities outside in the community. As for now, the spot has remained almost a secret.

"Something people don't know about the garden is that we actually have a garden," said Klouda.

If the test plots around the conservatory are a success, other larger plots are in plan for the future, such as the side of Genecov Science Building and Potter Hall.

Even though the garden has a small beginning, all those involved are hoping it will turn out to be a success that others will enjoy and appreciate. In the words of the students, it's "Fulfilling" and "Fresh". Definitely a chance for growth on the TJC campus.



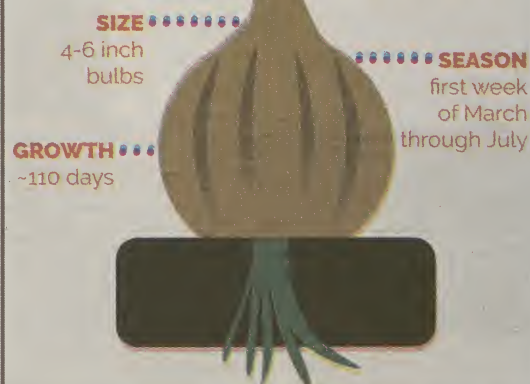
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**DIRT UNDER THE FINGERNAILS** David Griffith instructs Aiden Klouda on the best technique to water plants.

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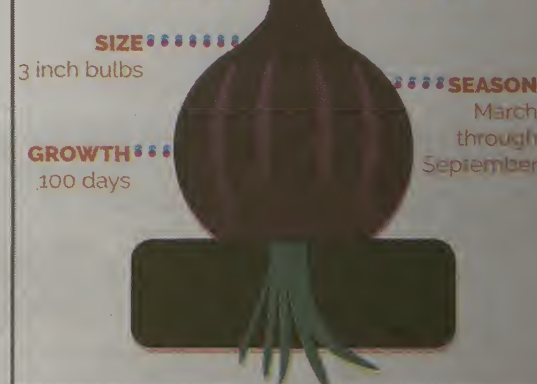


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**EARLYSSA COOPER ENJOYS THE GREENERY** TJC student majoring in Broadcast Journalism, writes on a sunny Monday afternoon inside of Vaughn Conservatory.

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# Unregulated by the FDA, e-cig dangers are a lesser of

By Carl Speaks  
Copy Editor

Beyond the outside exit of Subway restaurant from Pirtle is a small courtyard with benches and flowers for the weary student. In contrast, beyond that is a tall curbside that acts as a bench and meeting place for those students who, in the distance, might appear to acting as replicas of a 1920's factory. The smoke and steam fills the air, creating miniature clouds that are gone before any onlookers could try and guess a shape within them. The smokers and vapers (people who use e-cigs) are a group undivided by their preference.

Whether it is cigarettes, cigars or e-cigs, there is a community in itself that is as amiable as any other on-campus club. There are no fees, and a person doesn't even have to smoke to join – just walk up and join in on the conversation as if at a party.

Comradery aside, it is the choice between cigarettes and electronic cigarettes that is a question. For students like Andrew Hensley, age 19 and major in General Studies, the answer is definitely an e-cig.

The FDA does not currently regulate e-cigarettes because they are marketed as neither tobacco products nor as devices with a therapeutic purpose. Due to this, there is no accepted measure to confirm purity or safety. Hensley said, "I see not having FDA regulation as a good and bad thing." He believes that even with regulation, some places could always lie about regulation, but without it, a store can "make the liquid right in front of the customer," seeing what is being purchased, even with homemade juice.

Because e-cigs are not considered tobacco products,

they do not fall under the federal ban for sale to minors. Some states have made a ban, but this can be bypassed at some mall kiosks and online orders. Hensley has been using his vape for two years, after having smoked, occasionally, for three or four months. Based on FDA research, more than a quarter million youths who had never smoked cigarettes were reported to be using e-cigs as of 2013.

While it is considered to be an aid to quit smoking, it was more of a preventative measure for Hensley to avoid addiction to cigarettes. "Almost everyone in my family has had problems with addiction to cigarettes on both my mother's and father's side," said Hensley.

FDA research also shows the amount of nicotine is significantly different on each puff. Vapers who manually adjust their heat settings can also increase the amount of nicotine taken in, which can also cause nicotine poisoning and increase the amount of other chemicals inhaled.

In May 2014, Stanton Glantz, director of the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California, San Francisco and his team found that e-cigs deliver nanoparticles, which could trigger inflammation and has been linked to asthma, stroke, heart disease and diabetes.

The main addictive property in both cigarettes and e-cigs is nicotine. The National Institute on Drug Abuse states, "Although they do not produce tobacco smoke, e-cigarettes still contain nicotine and other potentially harmful chemicals. Nicotine is a highly addictive drug, and recent research suggests nicotine exposure may also prime the brain to

become addicted to other substances." The CDC has also done studies that show a link between nicotine and poor cognitive development in adolescents.

Hensley said that he's aware that he could become addicted to nicotine, "however, to me it is less of a habit or addiction and more of a hobby ... wire builds for the RDA (rebuild-able dripping atomizer)." An RDA is a vape that has no tank, but requires juice to be dripped into it.

"Secondhand smoke is worse than smoking," has been the common complaint for years, which eventually led to the ban on smoking in public places. Many public places allow people to "vape" inside, though the secondary emissions from e-cigs are similarly as problematic as secondhand smoke. The nicotine within the emissions is still addictive and potent. TJC prohibits the use of e-cigs on campus just as fervently as it does smoking, because of the potential health risks.

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Dr. Laura Crotty Alexander, a pulmonary and critical care physician at the VA San Diego Healthcare System, at a

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LEFT: Andrew Hensley vapes while his friend smokes next to him in the designated area outside of Pirtle Tech. MIDDLE: Hensley's homemade RDA uses a wooden box for its case and a simple battery setup. RDA is a device at a local vaping shop.



# of two evils

meeting of the American Thoracic Society, exposed MRSA (an antibiotic resistant strain of *Staphylococcus aureus* a.k.a. staph infection) linked to e-cigs. She had done experiments with bacteria in a lab dish exposed to the vapors of e-cigs.

"I believe those are factors' dependent on the maker/producer of the liquid that one would buy," said Hensley. "All stores I buy from have the same general ingredients: propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, artificial or natural flavoring, and, of course, the nicotine."

There is apparently danger to younger kids as well.

The long-term effects of disease are not the only worry; the CDC receives more than 200 calls per month for poisonings due to e-cigs. More than 50 percent were for children age 5 and under. Large doses of nicotine can cause nausea, vomiting, respiratory depression, seizures and even death.

Flavors like chocolate and bubblegum appeal to kids, which likely accounts for the number of poison calls received by the CDC for kids age 5 and under. The poison calls are for a combination of inhalation, ingestion and skin or eye contact.

No matter the age, new studies are continuously being done and more results make the danger even more apparent. Some e-cigs have been shown to contain chemicals that have been used in antifreeze and embalming, chemicals that are known to cause tumor growth and even a metabolic poison that is commonly created in metabolizing alcohol in the liver.

A recent study by Harvard researchers shows that up to 75 percent of the flavored liquids for e-cigs contain a



Photo by David Torres

y setup. **RIGHT:** Demonstration of the vape produced by an RDA

chemical called Diacetyl. The CDC lists this as a workplace hazard if inhaled, such as in factories that produce microwave popcorn. Long-term exposure can scar the lung tissue, causing the disease Bronchiolitis obliterans, commonly referred to as "popcorn lung". While Diacetyl is listed as one of the FDA's "safe substances", the study put it on that list was based on ingestion of the chemical, not inhalation.

Hensley believes battery safety is important. "Everyone needs to learn how to take proper care of e-cig batteries," he said. He recounted a story of an acquaintance who had his e-cig in his pocket. The button was continuously pressed, causing the heating element to keep heating. With no inhalation, the heat had nowhere to go, so the battery blew up.

While many researchers agree that it is likely that e-cigs are the better of the two choices, the health risks to those who use them can still have just as deadly of an effect. It is more of a "lesser of two evils" according to a quote from Dr. Crotty Alexander. The safest alternative is still to quit altogether.

There are a number of FDA-approved smoking cessation aids, including nicotine gum, nicotine skin patches, nicotine lozenges, nicotine oral inhaled products and nicotine nasal spray that are available for smokers to use to reduce their dependence on nicotine. Free help is available to all smokers who want to quit at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or by visiting [www.smokefree.gov](http://www.smokefree.gov).



Photo by Carl Sparks



# Baseball season off to great start

Baseball and softball teams start spring season with winning records

By Nick Vaughn  
Sports Editor

Apache baseball has started and is off to a great start this season with a 7-2 record in the early season things is looking bright for the team this year.

On opening day, which was Jan. 30, 2016 the baseball team had an impressive showing winning 13-0 in six innings. Carrying the momentum from that huge win over their next four games which all resulted in wins as well, over the early five game winning streak the team scored a combined 41 runs in five games while

only giving up 11 runs in return.

But as all great teams are humbled so was our apache base-

still turn for the best.

Because when they are winning, things seem to flow better

**"We are playing some great ball right now"**

-James Phillips  
Freshmen, Infielder

ball team dropping two of their next four games in shocking fashion, it just seems as though they are not able to score enough runs as they once were in the begging of the season, but things are still early in the season so things can

and runs seem to pile in. In their last two wins they scored a combined eight runs as there opponents could only put together

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Photo by David Torres

**HEY BATTER BATTER** Freshman baseball player Hunter Wells swings at an incoming pitch.

## Former TJC basketball star putting NBA on notice

### Column

As black history month comes to a close and the all-star break is just passing by, lets remember Jimmy Butler who was named an all-star this year but, due to injury, was not able to play in the game.

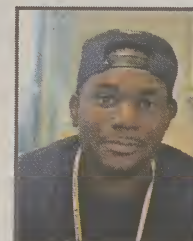
Jimmy is a alumni of Tyler Junior College which is where he played before he got a scholarship to attend Marquette university, but before Jimmy was having an all-star caliber season and tearing the NBA up, before he was drafted by the Chicago Bulls in the first round 30th overall in the 2011 NBA draft, before he played on the courts at Marquette university, and even before he played here at TJC, Jimmy was just another boy at Tomball high school in Tomball, Texas with a dream of playing ball.

In his senior season at Tomball high school, Jimmy averaged 19.9 points per game and 8.7 rebounds per game. Even though he was not heavily recruited to play basketball at the next level, Jimmy decided to attend TJC to further his education and basketball career.

Playing well in his lone season at TJC, Butler averaged 18 points per game, 7.7 rebounds, and 3.1 assists per game. Butler looked to make to

the leap from junior college to Marquette University after picking up interest after his freshmen season.

During his time at Marquette, Jimmy improved all three years from



Nick Vaughn  
Sports Editor

a struggling sophomore to a senior showing signs of promise. His career was highlighted by two game-winning shots in his junior year against UCONN and St. John's.

Coming into the league during a lockout year really hurt Jimmy's progression out of the gate for his rookie campaign and it showed on the court that he struggled to grasp the concept of the game of basketball at its highest level, but as time went on, Jimmy became more comfortable on the court going against the best athletes. Last season Jimmy really put the NBA on notice with his ability in this league, averaging a solid 20 points per game and 5.8 rebounds.

While shooting .834 from the free throw line, all were career highs for the young bull, which lead to a major payday this past summer, which was a five year, \$95 million deal.

## Football looks to gain more depth at key positions during signing day

By Nick Vaughn  
Sports Editor

February 3, 2016 was national signing day for high school students across the country who have decided where they will attend college for the next three to four years, or two years for community colleges, and sign their national letter of intent for football.

The incoming freshmen that TJC were looking at had some big expectations next to their names once they had officially committed to TJC for their respective sport.

When asked how was signing day, running backs coach Jordan Scott said

"It was exciting, we had a lot of guys we're excited to get

on campus," said Scott

And outside of high school commits TJC also had five mid-year signees who cam from universities from around the country to add to there class.

Last season did not end on a good note for our apache football team, and field position was apart of that. So the coaching staff went out to sign not one but two of the top kickers in the state.

"Two all-state kicker punters that we have coming in," said coach Scott.

Though the season ended on a sour note, the team ended the season with the 16 final football ranks in the NJCAA, which isn't great but still leaves room to improve and something to work towards next season.

There will be plenty of competition this upcoming summer and fall to fight for playing time with the amount of freshmen wide receivers, defensive linemen, and defensive backs, this looks to be a deep team across the board and one not to be messed with.

"A lot of depth coming in at the DB position," said coach Scott. "Also we have a lot of long receivers coming in that we are interested in coming in and competing for playing time as well as some good running backs."

Too much should not be made of the high expectations the coaches know that these kids are just freshmen and will grow and develop into great players but for now all they want to see is.



four combined.

Now we switch over to the women's team, who some how is even hotter than the men's team. Apache softball is at an amazing 16-0 on the season and show no signs of slowing down at all. It is simply crazy what these ladies are doing, they are showing no signs of stopping and keep the pedal to the metal when going into their games. No mater how many runs the other team gets, the apache softball team is outscoring

them in a outrageous fashion.

The highest runs against them is currently eight on the season, and they scored their second highest run total of the season at 19, and there have only been two outings that they have passed 19. And the surely passed 19 the first being on February 10,2016 against Georgia Highlands College where they posted 30 runs that is more than even the men have scored this season in a single game. But that was not the only

time they passed 19 runs in a single game. On valentines day this year February 14,2016 your apache softball took on Iowa Western CC and ran the runs in crazy scoring 22 runs in a huge blowout win, holding their opponent to only five runs. At this pace this could be an all time great season for the women's softball team, and one that could really ignite a dynasty for them here at TJC as one of the nations best softball teams.

## Upcoming Athletic Events



### Men's Tennis

Feb. 19 @ Incarnate Word  
Feb. 20 vs. St. Mary's University  
Feb. 20 vs. Laredo CC  
Feb. 26 vs. Seminole State College  
Feb. 27 vs. Collin College  
Feb. 28 vs. ASA College Miami  
Mar. 4 @ Midwestern State University

Feb. 10 vs. McLennan Community College  
Feb. 22 @ McLennan Community College  
Feb. 26 @ Arkansas Baptist College  
Feb. 27 @ Arkansas Baptist College  
Mar. 2 vs. Weatherford College

### Women's Tennis

Feb. 19 @ St. Mary's University  
Feb. 19 @ Incarnate Word  
Feb. 20 @ Trinity  
Feb. 20 vs. Laredo CC  
Feb. 27 vs. Cowley College  
Feb. 28 vs. ASA College Miami  
Mar. 4 @ Midwestern State University

### Women's Softball

Feb. 19 @ Weatherford College  
Feb. 19 vs. Hill College  
Feb. 20 vs. Howard College  
Feb. 20 vs. Hill College  
Feb. 26 vs. Lamar State College - Port Arthur  
Feb. 26 vs. San Jacinto College-South  
Feb. 27 vs. Midland College  
Feb. 27 vs. Alvin Community College  
Feb. 28 vs. Laredo CC  
Feb. 28 vs. Blinn College  
Mar. 2 vs. Northeast Texas Community College

### Men's Basketball

Feb. 20 vs. Panola College  
Feb. 24 @ Kilgore College  
Mar. 1 @ TBA

### Women's Basketball

Feb. 20 vs. Panola College  
Feb. 24 @ Kilgore College

### Men's Baseball

Feb. 20 vs. Vernon College

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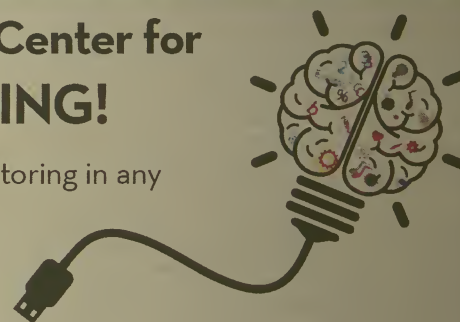
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# Clothing that seek to bring positive change to campus

By Elizabeth Dieterich

Staff Writer

New TJC student Javonte Nash, founder of Chasing the Kingdom, wanted to spread a message to bring people together and make the world a better place to live in.

While going to school at Panola he and a friend decided they wanted to make a positive change in the way people live on a daily basis.

"I feel like religion separates people," said Nash.

He believes that most religious peoples' beliefs depend on how they were raised. He wants people to seek and find the truth that they are looking for, all while becoming a better person.

Nash decided a clothing line was the best way to bring attention to the message. Chasing the Kingdom's goal is to help people get closer to the higher power, spiritually instead of religiously by talking to people and seeing how they tick all while bringing people together.

**"We see ourselves changing the world, just making it a better place to live in and wake up everyday"**

-Javonte Nash  
Founder, Chasing the Kingdom

This is a lifestyle brand. Nash has created a team of TJC students, including photographer Hunter Harris and promoter Devin Gilliam.

"I didn't really have anything going for me at first," said freshman, Gilliam "Chasing the Kingdom just really opened up doors for me."

Nash believes what he is doing is making a difference.

"We see ourselves really changing the world," says Nash "just making the world a better place to live in and to just wake up to everyday."

Nash plans to help everyone become the best person they can be by doing positive things instead of getting in to trouble. He wants to make society better for generations to come.

Although the message promotes itself, Gilliam said the shirts and social media pages are helping to reach out to people young and old.

"Social media is the big key," said Gilliam.

The only challenge they have faced so far is getting retailers to sell shirts with crosses. Often retailers try to avoid any religious or political affiliation because it can reduce their sales since some people avoid wearing crosses.

"I don't sleep, I'm up all night working," said Nash. He keeps his life balanced with the business and school by writing what he needs to do on a white board in his room at The Reserves. Being organized is important as a student majoring in sociology and as an owner of a growing



Courtesy photo from [www.gofundme.com/chasethekingdom](http://www.gofundme.com/chasethekingdom)

**STUDENTS ARE CHASING THE KINGDOM** Javonte Nash is helping students seek a higher power by spreading his message through a clothing line. Matt 6:33 "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you."

business.

This year they have trips planned to universities in Texas and various states such as Florida. At these destinations they will share their spiritual message to different people and place orders on the shirts. They have found more support over the years by talking to people everywhere they go and plan to get more in 2016 by going to Austin this spring break.

Currently, Chasing the Kingdom has shirts, hoodies

**"I feel like religion separates people"**

-Javonte Nash  
Founder, Chasing the Kingdom

and sweatshirts for both men and women. Over the summer, they plan to launch a line of athletic clothes that will include pants, shorts and fitted shirts.

The clothing line drops at the release party on Feb. 27 in Dallas. People will pick up their shirts, meet the members and learn more about the message. There is more information online.

Chasing the Kingdom's social media pages are Twitter @chasethekindo1, Facebook Chasethekingdom and Instagram chasethekingdom.



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# Getting to know the undrowsy cast playing Drowsy people

By Marshall Cearfoss  
News Editor

Practicing personalities entirely unlike their own, cast members of The Drowsy Chaperone have only until the end of February to master their characters.

"He's a hermit," said sophomore Trey Treadway about his character, Man in Chair (or narrator). "He doesn't like society too much. He's not a people person. He stays in his apartment the whole time."

The Drowsy Chaperone is the comedic story of a lonely man who escapes his sadness by listening to old records of Broadway musicals that come to life right in front of the audience.

"It's a show within a show," said Bree'Ann Higgins, sophomore and assistant stage manager. "The opening scene begins with Man in Chair, and he describes

one of his favorite musicals, and then you're transported into the story. And you get to watch all this mishap and mayhem unfold."

With such a diverse set of characters, some

cast members have been assigned to parts that are quite contradictory from their natural personalities.

"I'm more of a people person. I don't really like to isolate myself too much," said Treadway. "That's probably why he's the most challenging character I've ever played. It is difficult. There are a lot of lines. I have to keep in mind what keeps it funny and how I need to deliver it."

Sophomore Mark Becker plays Robert Martin, the main male role in the show, who can often act rather differently than Becker himself.

"Robert is- He's not fake, but he's one of those 'plastic' characters," said Martin. "... is somewhat naive and very deer-in-the-headlights sometimes."

Becker explained how Robert's naivety results in him nearly always smiling "...whether or not it's appropriate at the time."

"He gets lost in the moment a lot," Becker said. "And he forgets where he is and kind of what he's doing- that causes him a lot of trouble. So that's not where I fall in that regard."

For Julianne Casey, a sophomore playing Janet Van de Graaff, The Drowsy Chaperone is her first

theatre production.

"She's the Hollywood star, and she's very into herself," Casey said about Janet Van de Graaff. "She's about the show biz', and she's the number one star at that time. But she's giving up all of her fame to marry Robert Martin. So, her director throughout this show, he's kind of begging her the whole time to come back to the Hollywood world and to not give it up."

Unlike some of the other cast/character matches, Casey feels rather connected to her part.

"It's funny because I feel like her character is so much of me- you know, being a voice major, and that's what I want, performance and to be that way, to be that character. So, it's fairly easy for me to portray her, but I just kind of have to be really over the top and thinking about myself first and how everyone wants to know about me. I identify well with her," said Casey.

Although some of the characters differ from their respective cast members, there is still a considerable amount of overlap.

"He's a theatre nerd, a Broadway musical nerd. He's an expert in all of it," said Treadway about his

character. "When he gets sad, he listens to music, and it helps him feel better. He kind of goes some place else. So I can connect with that and understand his meaning."

Becker also found some connections with his character.

"He's almost like a really happy, peppy newscaster. Always just has that smile," said Becker. "Robert is very romantic, so I can connect to him in that regard. He's very one-track-minded, and he gets nervous quite a bit, or he'll get jittery and he'll have to do something to take his mind off of it. ...wanting to take your mind off stress, that's most of what his part involves with."

Without revealing the grand ending, Casey summarized Janet's learned lesson, and ultimately what the play teaches the audience.

"I think she learns the importance of love," said Casey. "And in the end, love wins. That's what we want to hear, right?"

Directed by professor Jacob Davis, The Drowsy Chaperone will be showing on Feb. 24-27 in Wise Auditorium.



## Deadpool

### Movie Review



Marshall Cearfoss  
News Editor

Don't even act like you haven't been excited about this movie. It's earned every bit of excitement... Your excitement. Because if you're reading this, that means you're probably human. And most humans would, at least, get mildly (haha, "mildly") hyped after those trailers.

Storyline: There is none. But here's a set of random words to explain what filled up the 148 minutes. Ryan Reynolds (DP) got messed up. After that, he looked like a chicken nugget with the breading peeled off. He was ugly enough to be diagnosed with adult onset of overly-aggressive UFC face. He looked like a dinosaur evolving into a human that gave up after a few million years.

...But, even after all that, Ryan Reynolds still maintained his typical sexiness. Damn it, Ryan.

If you've seen the trailers, you have a basic idea of how the rest of the movie went. Deadpool, now in fancy red spandex, just went around and mutilated people, told jokes that made every audience member cry, and broke the fourth wall.

Actually, he didn't break the fourth wall. He mercilessly

eradicated any possible separation between himself and the audience.

My thoughts... Briefly, because you don't care what I think: Honestly, this was one of the few movies that ended up being EXACTLY what the trailer made it out to be. Imagine the trailers (red band, of course) stretched out into a feature-length film. Yep. You got it.

Although I personally despise characters breaking the fourth wall, I have to excuse it for this movie. Because Deadpool. That's why.

The humor was gratuitous, the action was perfect, the suit was red, and the Ryan was Reynolds.

I'd like to thank Times Square Cinema for making this review possible.

When you come up to the ticket booth, tell the clerk that you're there to see the lazy dinosaur. They'll know what movie you're talking about.





# Reunion de los estudiantes internacionales

Por Alejandra Hurtado  
Editora en Español

Con el I-20 (también llamado en inglés Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant) y el pasaporte en sus manos, llegaron algunos estudiantes internacionales a la reunión organizada por Tyler Junior College con el objetivo de dar a conocer aspectos referentes a los reglamentos, políticas y procedimientos migratorios que abarcan la visa estudiantil F-1 (Academic Student).

"La razón mas importante es para cumplir el requisito de SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) en tener contacto con cada estudiante y obtener la información mas actualizada para poder proceder con registrarlos en el sistema de SEVIS para ese semestre en específico" dijo la Directora de admisiones de Tyler Junior College. Nidia Arellano Hassan dijo "el tema principal es recordar y aclarar las leyes de USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Service) y ofrecer nuestros servicios en el campus y la oficina de estudiantes internacionales".

Esta reunión internacional se realizó el 27 y 28 de Enero, en el salón llamado Gold Room, de el edificio de Ornela. Nidia Hassan, fue la anfitriona y junto a la nueva coordinadora de estudiantes internacionales, Daisy LaRue, se reunieron no solo con el objetivo de dar a conocer las ultimas novedades de inmigración, sino también, presentar a los nuevos alumnos, representantes de otros países en el mundo, al TJC.

"Aproximadamente, TJC tiene 150 estudiantes internacionales este semestre" dijo Nidia Hasan "Hay aproximadamente 60 países representados en TJC de alrededor del mundo", señaló Nidia "tuvimos muy buena asistencia, la mayoría asistieron y los que no pudieron presentarse vinieron y sacaron cita para repasar los puntos de la presentación".

María Arias, estudiante internacional proveniente de Panamá, comento sobre la reunión "me parece que fue muy informativa y que tocaron los puntos que la mayoría de los estudiantes internacionales deberíamos saber".

Especialmente para Oscar Lara, proveniente de México, la reunión fue clave para resolver preguntas en cuestión laboral "el tema mas importante fue el empleo dentro y fuera del campus porque a veces necesitamos recursos extra o dinero de otra manera".

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Para María Arias, otro tema importante fue conocer "las cosas que pueden hacer que perdamos el estatus de la visa", saber los reglamentos es pieza clave para mantener un buen estatus en el país:

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**ESTUDIANTES INTERNACIONALES PARTICIPANDO DE LA REUNION** Todos los estudiantes internacionales fueron convocados a la reunion en el salon Gold Room, en el edificio de Ornelas.

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Para Nidia Hassan, esta reunión fue mas alla de dar información "por supuesto, es un tiempo para reunir a todos y que los estudiantes conozcan otros estudiantes de otros países alrededor del mundo".

Finalmente, Hassan señaló "es un gran honor poder ayudar con la educación de tantos estudiantes y poder aprender mas de cada uno de ellos y de sus culturas. Es un privilegio que ellos tiene de venir a este gran país de las oportunidades y es nuestro deseo que lo disfruten y aprovechen y saquen adelante sus logros y sueños".

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**¡DECIR QUESO!** Cerca de 40 estudiantes internacionales asistieron a las reuniones de inmigración para obtener actualizaciones y consejos.



# International meetings answer foreign questions

By Alejandra Hurtado  
Spanish Editor

With the I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant) and passports in their hands, some international students attended the meeting organized by Tyler Junior College to learn some immigration policies, procedures and regulations for the F-1 student visa (Academic Student).

"The most important reason [for the

from Panama, said, "I think the meeting was very informative and they talked about points that all international students should know."

According to the information provided by TJC admissions

Specifically for Oscar Lara, from Mexico, the meeting was key to resolve work questions "the topic more important was employment on and off campus because sometimes we need extra resources or

**"The main topic is to remember and clarify the USCIS law and offer our service on campus and the international Student Office."**

-Nidia Arellano Hassan  
Admissions director, Tyler Junior College

meeting] is to satisfy the requirement of SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) in contact with each student and get the latest information to register on the SEVIS system for that specific semester," said Nidia Arellano Hassan, Tyler Junior College admissions director.

Hassan and the new coordinator of international students, Daisy LaRue, met with students from different countries on Jan. 27 and 28 in the Ornelas Gold Room. This international meeting convenes each semester with the objective of telling them the latest news about the immigration process to introduce new students from others parts of the world.

"Approximately, TJC has 150 international students this semester. There are approximately 60 countries represented in TJC from around the world," said Hassan, "We had very good attendance. Most of them assisted and those who could not, they came and took appointments to go over the points of the presentation."

Maria Arias, an international student

money in another way."

According to the information provided by TJC admissions, some of the ways for international students to work are:

For Arias, another topic of interest was "the things necessary to keep a good visa status."

Based on TJC information, some of the regulations to maintain a good status in the country are:

## LEGAL WAYS TO WORK

\*Students can work on campus, on average up to 18 hours per week. \*Applying for CPT (Curricular Practical Training) allows students to obtain work experience while continuing studies.

\*Request before graduating OPT (Optional Practical Training) this

## MAINTAINING A STATUS

- \* Enroll in minimum 12 credits
- \* Only take 3 hours of online classes
- \* Maintain a good academic progress
- \* Avoid disciplinary problems
- \* SEVIS record must be updated working in their majors.

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According to Hassan, this meeting was more than information "of course, this also was time for all the students to get to know other students from countries around the world."

Finally, Hassan said, "it is a privilege they come to this great country of opportunities and we hope they enjoy it and take full advantage of its achievements and dreams."

For more information

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# Dating violence reported to police in TJC parking lot

Girl tries to call 911 on school property after boyfriend resorts to violence and takes her phone away

Megan Nicholson  
Staff Writer

On Jan. 13th 2016 around 5 p.m. there was a police call reporting an assault in Tyler Junior College parking lot.

The suspect, the victim's boyfriend, physically grabbed the complainant and forcibly took her phone away as she

**"I would consider dating violence physical, sexual, emotional, or verbal."**

-Randy Melton  
Director of Campus Police

was trying to call 911.

This is considered dating violence. February is about love, but the other side of that is dating violence. According to [www.futureswithoutviolence.org](http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org) one of three adolescent girls in the U.S are victims of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner.

"I would consider dating violence physical, sexual, emotional, financial and verbal," said Randy Melton, Chief of Campus Police and adjunct professor in Criminal Justice.

In March 2013, President Obama signed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA). VAWA amended the Clery Act to require institutions to compile statistics for incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and to include certain policies, procedures and programs pertaining to these incidents in their annual security reports.

The ANNUAL CAMPUS FIRE & SAFETY REPORT 2014 gave Information in Compliance with the Clery Act. All of the statistics are gathered, compiled and reported to the TJC community via this publication.

TJC sends notification to every enrolled student and current employee on an annual basis. The notification

includes a brief summary of the contents of the publication. The notification also includes the address for the Campus Police website where the publication can be found online <http://www.tjc.edu/campuspolice/reports>.

Dating violence is also considered something that is forced by the offender onto the victim including unwanted sexual or physical contact.

"It can be considered violence by just a little slap on the head or a little shove. It would be under physical abuse. It can happen one time but it's still violence," said Tracey Williams, Counselor/ Learning Specialist.

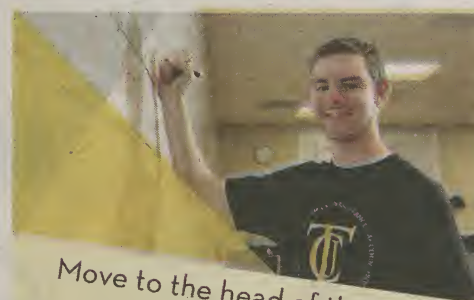
According to the "Police Operations Theory and Practice" by Karen Matison Kess and Christine Hess Orthmann, the three stage cycle of abuse Starts with the Tension-Building Stage, Acute Battering Episode and the Honeymoon First stage -- the victim suffers minor battering, verbal abuse and psychological humiliation. Second stage is the explosive, violent incident, which may be physical or sexual. Third and final stage, this is the most challenging and frustrating for law

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Tracey Williams  
Counselor/ Learning Specialist

enforcement- the batterer tries to win the victim's forgiveness with apologies, affection, promises, gifts etc. This often works, and the cycle continues.

Now dating violence happens mostly off campus because a lot of people know the consequences. As long as a person is enrolled at Tyler Junior College, they are eligible to see Mrs. Williams, the counselor, and if the problem is too big or complicated for her, she will direct a person to call the East Texas Crisis Center.



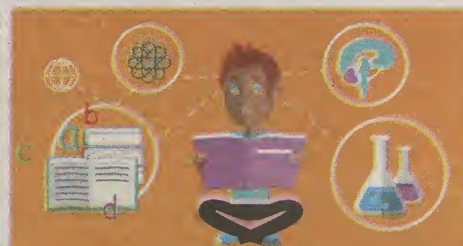
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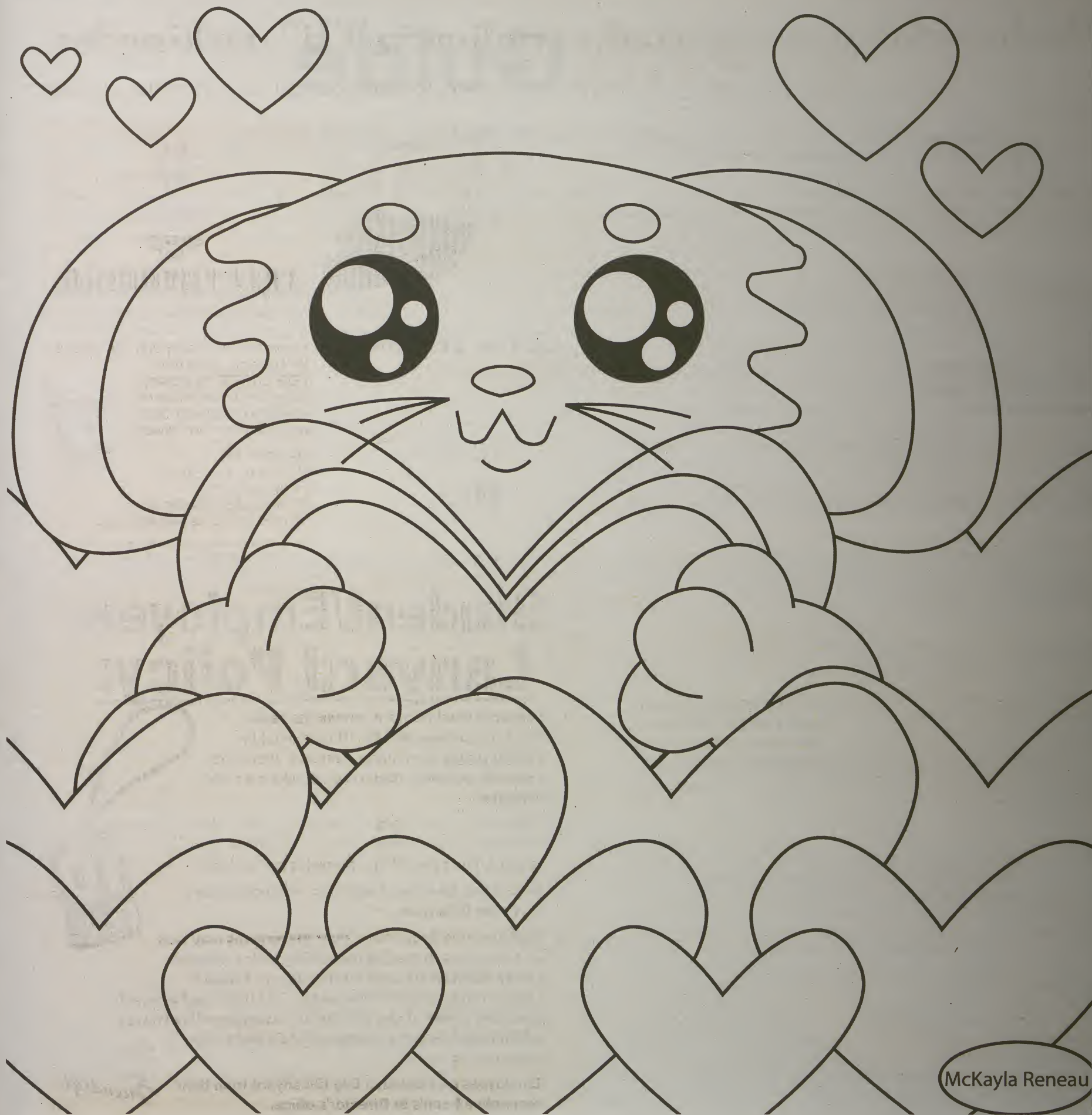
## Student/Employee Lanyard Policy:

1. Lanyards must be worn around the neck while on campus, and the ID card must be clearly visible at all times, unless it should be removed for safety reasons or an approved ADA variance.
2. Any lanyard is acceptable, but it must be similar in design and worn in the same manner as the official college lanyard. The color of the lanyard is not critical.
3. No one will be allowed into class without wearing his or her ID/lanyard.
4. Students who do not have their ID/Lanyards may pick up a Day Pass at the Campus Safety Office, Campus Safety Substation located at the Rogers Student Center or from a TJC Ambassador. The first Day Pass each semester is free of charge. For all subsequent Day Passes a \$5.00 cost recovery charge will be billed to the student's account.
5. Employees may obtain a Day ID/Lanyard from their respective Dean's or Director's office.



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# EventsGuide

## Folk Family Revival

Stanley's Famous Pit BBQ is hosting a throwback to a time when Southern rock and psychedelic music dominated the airwaves, they may be best described as a psychedelic folk-country rock and roll band. Tickets are \$5 at the door, and they open at 8 p.m. on Feb. 19.

## BSA's Courtyard Madness

BSA will be hosting Courtyard Madness at OHPE. Event will be held February 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Community Health Fair

Free community health fair offering a variety of health screenings, preventive care information in addition to spiritual counsel, advising and prayer. Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. This event is located on 1415 W. 29th Street Tyler, Texas 75702.

## African-American History and Culture Lecture

Texas artist Ted Ellis will be in the Tyler Museum of Art on Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.

## Trash Pick-up

Help fulfill promise #3 and attend Student Senate's quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up from 3 - 5 p.m. To RSVP for the event, do so through OrgSync on the Student Senate Calendar.

## Movie on the Lawn

Sit back and watch a movie with a group of friends. This event will be on Feb. 23 from 8 p.m.-10:30 p.m. on the intramural field, and it is weather dependant. In case of rain or severe cold, the movie will be played in the Apache Rooms. Movie is Selma.

## Spring Musical: 'The Drowsy Chaperone'

The TJC spring musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone," runs Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 24-27 in Wise Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.. For reservations,

call the TJC Box Office at 903-510-2212.

## Doubles Pool Tournament

Doubles Pool Tournament on Feb. 25 in the Rec Center from 5 - 7 a.m. Just show up at the start time to sign up.

## Blood Drive

Do you bleed black and gold? Stop by the Blood Drive on the second floor of RSC on March 14-18 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to donate blood.

## Monte Montgomery

Recognized as one the top 50 guitar players of all time by Guitar Player Magazine, Monte Montgomery will be coming live to Tyler. The show starts at 8p.m. on February 20 at Liberty Hall, 103 E. Erwin Street, Tyler, Texas 75702.

## Wind Ensemble Concert

March 3

7:30

Jean Brown Theatre

## Jazz Band Concert

March 17th & 18th

7:30

Wise Auditorium

